

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Intersection and Traffic Safety Matching Program

State Funding Requested: \$ 5,000,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This project utilizes a 50/50 funding partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage traffic safety projects

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$10,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$5,000,000	2009				
Total	\$5,000,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

As traffic in Anchorage increases and traffic patterns change, safety concerns at different intersections also change. The project will fund intersection and traffic safety improvements at selected locations along major arterial corridors including Tudor Road and Arctic Boulevard. Collector streets and local neighborhoods may also be included.

The need for this funding comes from the fact that on many neighborhood and collector roads, vehicles are driven above posted speeds, which can create unsafe situations. This project will implement measures to increase pedestrian and driver safety throughout Anchorage.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures would begin immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Highest Priority Transportation Projects****PROJECT NAME:** INTERSECTION AND TRAFFIC SAFETY MATCHING PROGRAM**PROJECT TYPE:** Safety**GRANT REQUEST:** \$5,000,000**PRIORITY:** 7**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This program funds intersection and traffic safety projects throughout Anchorage and is a 50/50 funding partnership with the State. Project priorities will be established by the Traffic Department and Project Management and Engineering, with input from elected officials and the public. Improvements are expected to focus on fully funding intersection improvements at selected intersections along major arterial corridors including Tudor Road and Arctic Boulevard. Funding may also be allocated to traffic and pedestrian safety projects on collector streets and in local neighborhoods. Priority neighborhood improvements include Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Turnagain, Northeast, and Abbott Loop Areas.

COMMENTS:**JUSTIFICATION:**

As traffic increases and traffic patterns change, safety concerns at different intersections also change. This program funds improvements to intersections that address evolving safety and capacity needs.

On many neighborhood and collector roads, vehicles are driven above posted speeds which can create unsafe situations. Traffic calming measures are typically used to slow traffic and improve safety.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9721 - Bond Proceeds	500	4,500	0	0	0	0	5,000
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Project Total	5,500	4,500	0	0	0	0	10,000

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 50-Anchorage Areawide**Community Council(s):** Areawide

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March 7, 2008

Senator Johnny Ellis
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Ellis:

Re: Intersection and Traffic Safety Matching Program

In its 2008 Legislative Program, the Municipality of Anchorage requested a \$5 million matching state grant for intersection and traffic safety improvements throughout Anchorage. The Municipality proposes to match any state grant funding dollar for dollar. This funding will be used for safety and congestion relief improvements in neighborhoods and on collector and arterial streets. A focus will be on major arterial corridors including Tudor Road and Arctic Boulevard. Priority neighborhood improvements include Abbott Loop, Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Turnagain, and Northeast areas.

Last year, the Legislature has provided matching funds for this program and several projects have been funded for construction in 2008 and 2009. If funding is provided in 2008, additional projects will be funded and construction should occur in 2009. The project list is being finalized now with feedback from the community councils, street maintenance, traffic, and elected officials.

Thank you for your interest in this matching grant program. If you have further questions, please give me a call at 343-8120.

Sincerely,



Jim Lamson

Capital Program Development Manager
Municipality of Anchorage

cc:

Representative Kevin Meyer